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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3725

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For: SECURITY DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the November 12, 2008 Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1–32 and 38–42, with traverse.¹

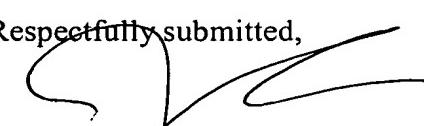
It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1–43 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in

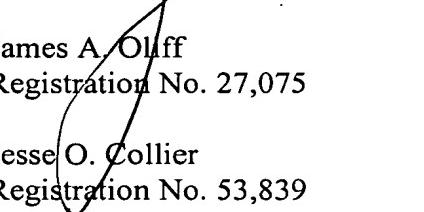
¹ Applicant notes that the Examiner has mis-characterized these claims as being drawn "to a security device utilizing a reflective media." In fact, these claims are drawn to "a security device utilizing a camouflage pattern."

order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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